

Salem United Methodist Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost - June 14, 2026

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 116:1-2)

"I love the LORD, because he has heard my voice and my supplications. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on God as long as I live." We offer our worship trusting in God's mercy and faithfulness. Let us praise God's mighty name.

OPENING PRAYER (in unison): **Almighty God, you are merciful and gracious to us, abounding in steadfast love. We are grateful that you love us with unfailing compassion. We thank you for the gift of Jesus our Savior, and for the ways he makes your perfect love known to us. By the transforming power of your Holy Spirit, make us more like Jesus in the way we love you and each other. May we see our neighbors as you see us: with compassion, love, and mercy. In Jesus' holy name we pray. Amen.**

*OPENING MUSIC "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" #139

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 9:35-10:4 (NRSVUE)

Leader: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

MESSAGE "The Heart of Jesus"

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

We believe this is God's table, and all are welcome. If you prefer prepackaged wafer/juice, please ask an usher. If you would like to be served in the pew, please let an usher know.

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in**

your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.
(#890 in The United Methodist Hymnal)

WORDS OF PARDON

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (pp. 15-16)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison): **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us, not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" #286
"How Deep the Father's Love" (see screen)

*DOXOLOGY #95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION (in unison): **Gracious God, thank you for feeding us at your holy table and for the gift of your unfailing grace. We trust that you always provide for us in your great mercy. We are dependent on your grace for all things. In response to your goodness, we place ourselves and our gifts in your hands. Bless this offering for the work of sharing the love of Christ and the good news of your kingdom. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit to give ourselves for others; in Jesus' name. Amen.**

*CLOSING MUSIC "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #526

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Irish Blessing" arr. Moore

May the road rise to meet you. May the wind always be at your back. May the sun shine warm on your face. The rain fall soft on your fields. And until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

*POSTLUDE

SHARING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN THE WORLD

We are blessed to be able to live stream and record our 10:45 a.m. worship service. Anyone in the sanctuary during that time may appear on camera as part of the service and consents to filming. Our camera is directed at the front of the sanctuary. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Stacey.

Welcome to Salem United Methodist Church! Thank you for joining us today in worship.

Our Worship Leaders Today:

Bob Kimball, Liturgist
Katy Stevens, Music Director
Rev. Dr. Stacey Nickerson, Pastor (pastor@salemunited.org)

Rick Dusek, Tech Team Producer
Bryan Niles, Tech Team Director

Choir rehearses at 9:45 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Junior Church begins after the Children's Message.

This Week (see our website for details: salemunited.org)

Monday, 6/15 7:00 p.m. – Pastor's Bible Study (Zoom only:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86945193408>)

Monday, 6/15 7:30 p.m. – Alcoholics Anonymous (Parlor)

Tuesday, 6/16 9:30 a.m. – Sewing Samaritans (Sewing Room)

Wednesday, 6/17 1:00 p.m. – Book Club (call office for details)

Wednesday, 6/17 6:30 p.m. – Vespers (outdoors; weather permitting)

Friday, 6/19 11:30 a.m. – Women Moving On (call office for details)

Saturday, 6/20 11:30 a.m. – Mini Golf at Mountain Run (202 Mountain Road, Fallston) – The entire Salem Church Family is invited to join the Salem Young Adults for a round of miniature golf. \$9 per person. Contact John Sivey with questions.

Upcoming

Tuesday, 6/23 7:00 p.m. – Unified Leadership Board (Salem Room)

Pastor's Summer Bible Study Schedule: All are welcome to join our summer study (as your schedule allows) based on the Book of Acts called "Spirit Boldness Opportunities." We meet from 7-8 pm on Mondays on Zoom. Our June meetings will include:

- June 15: Acts 5:1-11
- June 22: Acts 5:12-42
- June 29: No class

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